

MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The Flat Can Sale #30-074421 and attached Forest Practice Application No. 2409474; a five unit proposal comprised of 153 acres of even-aged regeneration harvest of 2,461 MBF with 137 feet of optional construction, 7,586 feet of optional reconstruction, 5,800 feet of required pre-haul maintenance, and a gate installation.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owls - this proposal is neither within a designated Nesting, Roosting, Foraging (NRF) or Dispersal Management Area, nor within any known status 1,2, or 3 northern spotted owl circles, PR 14-004-120,

Bald Eagle – The DNR’s Planning and Tracking system indicated that the proposed harvest units are within a Bald Eagle Territory. The territory is associated with a nest, which is no longer present. Since the proposal is over ½ mile from the indicated site, no management mitigation strategy was implemented per the HCP, PR 14-004-330,

Marbled Murrelet - this proposal is within the Straits Planning Unit, which has a Marbled Murrelet Reclassified Habitat Model. The proposal is not within any reclassified marbled murrelet habitat. The sale consists of second growth timber that does not have habitat characteristics for the marbled murrelet, PR 14-004-320,

RMZ and Wetland - all streams and wetlands adjacent to the sale meet or exceed HCP required buffers; two Type 3 streams are buffered 160 feet or greater, three Type 5 streams are buffered 20 feet or greater, two Type A wetlands are buffered 150 feet or greater, and a Type B wetland is buffered 100 feet. No harvest activities will take place within the RMZ’s, PR 14-004-210,

Slope Stability – all areas of potential instability were excluded from the sale. Boundaries were located away from areas with incised channels, above the slope breaks where indications were found of instability, and other features recommend by the geologist to exclude; there were no other areas found within the sale units that were potentially unstable, PR 14-004-050,

Retention Trees – green and wildlife recruitment leave trees were left in clumps ranging from 24 to 40 leave trees in each clump, plus individual, scattered residual old growth in each unit, PR 14-004-210,

Roads - includes optional road construction and reconstruction, and required pre-haul maintenance and gate installation;

For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The proposal is located in parts of Sections 5 and 8, Township 23 North, Range 3 West, W.M. The haul route is in Sections 5 and 8 of Township 23 North, Range 3 West, W.M., and Sections 31, 32, 33, and 34 of Township 24 North, Range 3 West, W.M., approximately 15 miles by road north of the town of Hoodspport. See the attached Forest Practices Application.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

☒ **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from October 29, 2003. Comments must be submitted by November 12, 2003.**

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